

March 17, 2003

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**IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIONS REGARDING URBAN AMERICAN INDIAN
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

On December 17, 2002, the Board of Supervisors passed the attached motion (Attachment A) instructing implementation of actions to recognize and support the variety of health and social issues of American Indian children and families throughout Los Angeles County. All recommended actions are identified in the motion.

Please identify which of the actions your department has implemented on Attachment B (electronic version of the form is available via e-mail) and provide a time line for when the remaining actions will be implemented. In addition, please provide the name and phone number of the contact person who will be ensuring full implementation of all actions. Please submit the status of your department's implementation of the actions and contact person by April 4, 2003, to Florence Fujii, Service Integration Branch. Ms. Fujii may be reached at (213) 974-4171 or ffujii@cao.co.la.ca.us.

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Attachments (2)

**URBAN AMERICAN INDIAN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
ISSUES AND DATA RESPONSE
December 17, 2002 Board Motion**

Department: _____

- 1. Ensure that staff consistently collects ethnic information by asking their clients to self-identify their ethnicity and self-identify tribe.**

Action Taken: _____

Action Planned: _____

Projected Implementation Date: _____

Not able to implement and reason: _____

- 2. Include data on American Indian/Alaskan Natives (AI/ANs) in reports and studies when data on other ethnic groups is included and not combine AI/AN into an amalgamated category entitled, "other" when collecting and reporting data. The exception to this is for the purpose of conducting statistical analyses when one or more ethnic group's small sample size compromises the power of the statistical tests that can be employed when multiracial groupings are permitted. In instances where this occurs, the ethnicities and their proportions should be identified for the "other" category in the report.**

Action Taken: _____

Action Planned: _____

Projected Implementation Date: _____

Not able to implement and reason: _____

3. Collect and report sensitive data on AI/ANs particularly in terms of domestic violence and/or sexual abuse cases.

Action Taken: _____

Action Planned: _____

Projected Implementation Date: _____

Not able to implement and reason: _____

4. When feasible, over-sample AI/ANs when conducting research studies so that adequate comparisons can be made between AI/ANs and other ethnic sub-samples.

Action Taken: _____

Action Planned: _____

Projected Implementation Date: _____

Not able to implement and reason: _____

5. All data reports indicate whether the AI/AN data is not available, not analyzed, and/or the sample size was too small for statistical purposes.

Action Taken: _____

Action Planned: _____

Projected Implementation Date: _____

Not able to implement and reason: _____

- 6. To work with the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LAC/C NAIC) and the American Indian Children's Council (AICC) to ensure AI/AN issues are represented and addressed especially in regard to improving access to services and data sharing.**

Action Taken: _____

Action Planned: _____

Projected Implementation Date: _____

Not able to implement and reason: _____

- 7. Work with the Children's Planning Council to support AI/AN research related activities.**

Action Taken: _____

Action Planned: _____

Projected Implementation Date: _____

Not able to implement and reason: _____

8. **Work to enhance the availability of child care for AI/AN children and support efforts to secure funding for specific needs of Indian-directed child care service centers.**

Action Taken: _____

Action Planned: _____

Projected Implementation Date: _____

Not able to implement and reason: _____

9. **Explore the ability to structure County funding opportunities as they occur to enable a single proposal to be submitted which represents the Countywide service needs of the AI/ANs that is not restricted by geographic boundaries.**

Action Taken: _____

Action Planned: _____

Projected Implementation Date: _____

Not able to implement and reason: _____

- 10. Request County Counsel, in consultation with the California Indian Legal Services, to develop language for the County to recognize the government to government relationship that exists between the Federal government and Federally recognized Indian tribes.**

Action Taken: _____

Action Planned: _____

Projected Implementation Date: _____

Not able to implement and reason: _____

